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plete family registers. Among the ancients (and notably among the Jews—there are a number of long pedigrees in the Bible), genealogical records were preserved with pious care through long centuries. We feel compelled to observe how insignificant seem the lofty pretensions of the proudest descendants of modern times when their lineage is compared with the noble extraction of Synesius, the philosophic bishop of Cyrene, (*fl. circ.* 400 A. D.), whose amiable character is so agreeably portrayed in *Hypatia!* He was able (we are told) to prove his descent from Eurys-thenes, the first Doric King of Sparta, and the fifth in lineal descent from the renowned Hercules. The “long series of his ancestors” was inscribed in the public registers of Cyrene. “Such a pure and illustrious pedigree,” says Gibbon (*History of The Decline and Fall, &c.*, Chap. XX., Note 116), “of seventeen hundred years, without adding the royal ancestors of Hercules, cannot be equalled in the history of mankind.”\* And while, peradventure, it may be true, as the “yeoman” argued with “the daughter of a hundred Earls,” that

“From yon blue heavens above us bent  
The grand old gardener and his wife  
Smile at the claims of long descent,”

we venture to think even that ancient pair from whom all men trace would not be able to withhold their admiration of the time-honoured blood that mingled in the veins of the holy Bishop of Cyrene.

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### Families of Lower Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties.

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#### MOSELEY FAMILY OF LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY.

*Arms of Moseley in Virginia:* Quarterly 1st and 4th Sa. a chev. between three battle axes Ar, 2d and third Or. a fesse between three eagles displayed sa.

*Crest:* An eagle displayed sa. *Motto:* Mos legem regit.

The family of Moseley came to America in the last year of the reign of Charles I, 1649, with grants of land in Lynnhaven Parish, on Broad creek, in Lower Norfolk county, Virginia. Here they built “Rolleston,” named for the family seat of the Moseleys, “Rolleston Hall,” Staffordshire, England. The patents were highly valued in the family and descended under the entail from father to son until the war between the States, after which they could not be found. The first emigrant also

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\*It is said that similar instances may be found at this day among the natives of India and other oriental races. Rudyard Kipling in a recent story speaks of “a Rajput chief who can sing his pedigree backwards for twelve hundred years.”

brought the coat of arms, a Court "Callender," and family portraits, one of them painted as far back as Henry II, A. D. 1154-89; four of the pictures were supposed to be by Van Dyck.

WILLIAM MOSELEY—FIRST EMIGRANT.

A merchant of Rotterdam, Holland, settled in Virginia in 1649. He received a grant of land the same year, and among the headrights are mentioned those of himself, Susanna his wife, and sons Arthur and William. He was Justice of Lower Norfolk county, March 16, 1649, to April 26, 1655.

"The last will and testament of William Moseley the elder, written with his own hand this 29th day of June, 1655.

"Imprimis. I give and bequeath my Soule to God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my wife and children. Item. I give and bequeath to my Cosen William Cockcroft, a Cowe Calfe of a year olde. And to my grand child Corker a cow calfe of a yeere olde. Item. I give unto my wife Susan Moseley my gray mare and furniture, and I doe likewise give her one negro woman called Mary with her Childe Besse, to be at her disposing during her life. Also I doe give to my said wife Susan all the sheepe with the Increase thereof, together with all her wearing apparell and her Lifetime upon the plantation where she now lives. Item. I give to my sonne Will'm Moseley, Eight hundred acres of land Lyeing and being as expressed in Bartho. hodgkin's Pattent, and also I doe give to my said sonne Will'm one younge Mare foale of months olde to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give & bequeath to my sonne Arthur Moseley, all that tract of land wch. I bought of George Kempe, and moreover and above that all that land wch. was surveyed by Mr. Empero'r when I was in England, to him and his heirs forever. And for the residue of my Estate my debts being all first paid out, To be equally divided between my wife Susan, William and Arthur Moseley.

Signed by mee

WILL: MOSELEY, SENIO'R,  
with a seale.

Teste: The m'ke I. C. of John Carrowaye.

The m'ke H. of Abraham Thomas.

Jurat in Cur. 15th August, 1655.

Test: Wm. Turner, Cl. Cur.

Recorded the 15th february, 1655.

An Inventory of ye estate of my mother Susanna Moseley, dec. february ye 8th, 1658.

One mare, five cowes, one heyffer, fower yearling Calves, one Steere of 3 years old, ten head of hogs young and old, one Ewe Lambe. Her

wearing apparrell, three paire of Sheetes, two table Cloths, fiteene napkins, fower towells, 2 Covers & 2 others, one paire of pillow cases, one chest, one chaire, one Couche, one Bedde, 1 boulster & blankette, two pictures, one Iron pott, one brasse Kettle, one Iron Kettle, one skillet, 3 pratite dishes, one sawcer, one frying pan, one paire of tongues, one candlestick, one Gunn, onè brush.

This Inventory was sworne unto In Cort by Mr. Wm. Moseley, ye 15th february, 1665, pr. me.

WILLIAM MOSELEY, (2d).

LETTER FROM SUSANNA MOSELEY.

Worthy Sir:

My husband havinge some bussines downe ye river was gone from home two howers before your servant came, soe I finding what ye contents of your letter did import, have in my husband's absence made bould to answer it, and with all I knowe he referrs ye sale of them to me. Sir, in regards you cannot miss out of your stocke no more then fower younge Cowes and one elder and fower oxen, I will not press you beyond what you are willing to doe, but will accept of your proffer by reason of my greate wante of Cattle, and withall I had rayther your wife should weare them then any gentle woman I yet know in ye country; but good Sir have *no* scruple concerninge their rightnesse, for I went my selfe from Rotterdam to ye haugh (The Hague) to inquire of ye Gould smiths and found y't they weare all Right, therefore thats without question, and for ye hat band y't alone coste five hundred gilders as my husband knows verry well and will tell you soe when he sees you; for ye Juell and ye ringe they weare made for me at Rotterdam and I paid in good rex dollars for sixty gilders for ye Juell and fivety and two gilders for ye ringe, which comes to in English monny eleaven poundes fower shillings. I have sent the sute and Ringe by your servant, and I wish Mrs. Yeardley health and prosperity to weare them in, and give you both thanks for your kind token. When my husband comes home we will see to gett ye Cattell home, in ye meantime I present my Love and service to your selfe & wife, Mr. Chandler and his wife and ye younge gentle women and old Capt. and commit you all to God, and remaine,

Your friend and servant,

SUSAN MOSELEY.

Elizabeth River, this Last July, 1650.

To Francis Yeardley (son of Gov. Sir George Yeardley), one of the leaders of the Cromwellian party in Virginia and the last husband of Sarah Offley.

WILLIAM MOSELEY, 2d.

William Moseley, the younger, son of William Moseley the emigrant, died about the year 1671, he was Commissioner for Lower Norfolk co.,

1660. He left a widow, Mary, daughter of Captain John Gookin, an early and prominent settler, by his wife Sarah Offley, the widow of Captain Adam Thoroughgood, she, after Captain Gookin's death, married Francis Yeardley, one of the leaders of the Cromwellian party in Virginia, son of Governor Sir George Yeardley. Mary (Gookin) Moseley, in 1672 married Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Lawson. The children of William Moseley and his wife Mary Gookin were William, John, Elizabeth and Edward.

"An Inventory and apraism't of ye Estate of Capt. Wm. Moseley, dec'd, this 10th day of Novembe., 1671."

"In Mr. Moseley's study in the garrett. Impr. A prc'll of Books, some L. tob., french dutch, Latten, & English. 3,000 lbs. tobo. Foure picktures, 200; six picktures, 2 picktures, his Signett Ring.

5lbs and an ounce of Plate being Exactly weighed wt. braste weights & seals.

A hatt and silver hat band, w'ch shee informs us shee hath disposed of.

Amount of Appraisement, 69,270 pounds tobacco & Caske besides the plate. Subscribed 11th November, 1671.

THO. BRIDGE,  
THO. (viz) IVY,  
WILL HANDCOCK,  
HENRY SPRATT.

#### EDWARD MOSELEY—BORN 1661.

Edward Moseley, son of William Moseley, the younger, and Mary Gookin, was colonel and justice of Princess Anne county; high sheriff 1707-8; on the court which tried Grace Sherwood for witchcraft, 1706; Knight of the Golden Horseshoe, 1710-1722, and member of the House of Burgesses. He married Mrs. Bartho. Taylor, daughter of Col. John Stringer, of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and was the father of Hillary Moseley, to whom he gave on the first of February, 170¾, among other things, "my seale ring wch. was my father's with his coat of arms on it," his "mother's wedding ring when marryed to Mr. Bartho. Taylor, with a posey in it and m'kt B. I F.," "four silver spoones m'kt H. M. w'ch was his Grandfather Stringer's," "a silver tankard m'kt Wm. M. which was my father's." His will was written on the 6th of March, 1735-6, and ordered to be recorded the 7th of April, 1736. In it, after disposing of various portions of his property, he leaves the remainder to his grandson, Edward Hack Moseley, and requests that it be delivered to him when he reaches the age of twenty-one years. Edward Moseley stated in a deposition made in 1734 that he was about 73 years old.

At a vestry held in Lynhaven Parish for laying the leavey the 30th Oct., 1735. Mr. Henry Barlow, Minister. Col. Anthony Walke, Capt. Francis Land, Church Wardens.

Present: Capt. John Moseley, Mr. Christ'r Burrough, Chas. Sayer, Capt. Francis Moseley, Mr. James Nimmo, Capt. Jacob Ellegood, Majo. Maxm'l Boush, Capt. Henry Moore, Mr. John Bonney, Mr. John Gourts, vestrymen.

On the motion of Col. Edward Moseley, 'tis unanimously agreed & liberty given him to erect a hanging pewe on the northern side of the new church at his own cost, for the use of himself, his grandson, Mr. Edward Hack Moseley, Capt. Anthony & Capt. Frank Moseley.

In Princess Anne county, Virginia, in 1705, Grace Sherwood was tried at the Court-house on "The Ferry" plantation for witchcraft. She was found guilty and ducked in a beautiful inlet of Lynnhaven Bay, called to this day "Witchduck," afterwards the property of Thomas Williamson, Esq. The prosecution was conducted by Maximilian Boush, for her Majesty, Queen Anne, who received for his fee, five thousand pounds of tobacco. Grace Sherwood was incarcerated in the gaol of the county adjoining the old court-house on the "Ferry" plantation, and all the proceedings are to this day (1897) to be seen in the records of Princess Anne county. The trial lasted from January 3, 1705, to July 10, 1706, and the court consisted of, Colonel Edward Moseley, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Thorowgood, Captain John Moseley and others.

#### HILLARY MOSELEY.

Hillary Moseley, son of Colonel Edward Moseley and the widow of Mr. Bartho. Taylor, died before his father. He married Hannah (who?) and left a son, Edward Hack Moseley. His will was made November 1, 1727, and recorded August 5, 1730; in it are mentioned his wife Hannah and son, Edward Hack Moseley.

At a vestry held in Lynnhaven Parish for laying ye leavey, 15th Sept., 1724. Mr. James Tennant, Minister. Maj'r Max. Boush, Mr. John Cornick, Church Wardens.

Present: Col. Edw. Moseley, Capt. John Moseley, Capt. Hen. Chapman, Capt. Solo. White, Mr. Chr. Borrough, Mr. John Bolithol, Capt. Antho. Walke, Charles Sayer, Capt. Frans. Land, Mr. Will Elligood, Mr. John Bonney, Capt. Robert Vaughn, vestrymen.

Upon the petition of Capt. Hillary Moseley, liberty is given him to erect a pewe at his own cost over the Chancel doore, taking up as little room as possible; the stairs to go up behind the said Chancel doore.

Hannah Moseley, widow of Hillary Moseley, afterwards married Col. Alexander McKenzie, of Elizabeth River county, who was the guardian of Edward Hack Moseley, and after whom Edward Hack's son, Alexander Moseley, was named.

EDWARD HACK MOSELEY, SON OF HILLARY AND HANNAH  
MOSELEY.

Col. Edward Hack Moseley was Burgess from Princess Anne county, Va.; colonel and sheriff of the county and vestryman; a loyalist in the Revolution and a friend of Benedict Arnold's—a letter from Arnold while in Portsmouth, Va., in 1781, requesting Col. and Mrs. Moseley to dine with him, being still in the possession of Col. Moseley's descendants. Col. Moseley married Mary Bassett, daughter of the Hon. William Bassett, of "Eltham," who died in the 38th year of her age, August 23d, A. D. 1755, and is buried at "Greenwich," Princess Anne county, Va., one of the Moseley seats. Col. Moseley afterwards married Francis Wylie, who survived him—married April 27, 1757; marriage bond signed E. H. Moseley, Sam. Boush.

At a vestry held the 14th of October, 1767, in Princess Anne county, Va.

The Rev. Mr. Robert Dickson, Minister. Capt. James Kempe, Mr. Thos. Walker, Church Wardens.

Present: Col. Anthony Walke, Col. Edward Hack Moseley, Capt. Jno. Whitehurst, Capt. Wm. Keeling, Capt. Dennis Dawley & Capt. William Woodhouse, vestrymen.

On the motion of Col. Edward Hack Moseley to build a pew in the Brick church behind the front door so as not to discommode the communion, it is therefore granted him to move the front door close to the justice's wife's pew.

Edward Hack Moseley was church warden 17th December, 1777; vestryman October 29th, 1750, October 13th, 1752, 8th June, 1758, and from 13th October, 1766, to 3d October, 1799; died in 1783 (?).

COPY OF DEED.

To all to whom these presents shall come: I, Edward Hack Moseley, of the County of Princess Anne, Gent, send Greeting—Know ye that I the said Edward Hack Moseley as well for & in consideration of the regard I bear to Anthony Walke, Junr., of the said County as also for divers other good causes & considerations me hereunto moving, have given & granted, by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto the said Anthony Walke, Jun'r, one molatto girl named Betty about Eighteen years of age. To have and to hold the said molatto girl Betty unto the said Anthony Walke, Junr., his heirs and assigns to his & their own proper use & Behoof for ever, without any manner of challenge, claim or demand from me the said Edward Hack Moseley or from any other person or Persons whatsoever for me, or authorized & procured by me & without any money or other thing to be yielded therefor unto me the said Edward Hack Moseley my heirs, Exors., Adm'rs or assigns, & I the said Edward Hack Moseley the said molatto girl Betty to the said

Anthony Walke Junr. his heirs & assigns to the use aforesaid against all people do & will warrant & forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventeenth day of Aprill One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Eight.

Signed Sealed and delivered

In presence of  
Walter Scott & Major White.

EDWARD HACK MOSELEY  
& Seal.

The will of Edward Hack Moseley, was made on the 24th of May, 1782, and ordered to be recorded 10th April, 1783. Three codicils were added to it; 23d August, 1782, 15th September, 1782, and September 18, 1782. In it are mentioned the names of sons, Alexander, Samuel, Edward Hack, Hillary; granddaughter Mary Bassett Moseley, daughter of Bassett Moseley, Rebecca Moseley, daughter of Bassett & granddaughter Francis, daughter of Bassett.

The following extracts from the will throw some light on his history:

"I give unto my son Edward Hack Moseley, my old Plantation ("Rolleston"), that my Grandfather Colo. Edward Moseley left me, containing by the Patten Eleven Hundred & Forty acres more or less, Reserving only three hundred acres of the said Land which I have in this will given the use off unto my loving wife Francis Moseley during her natural life, and after her decease then unto my said son Edward Hack Moseley, to him & his Heirs forever. I give unto my son Edward Hack Moseley all my Family pictures. I do give and Bequeath unto my son Hillary Moseley the half Lott or piece of Land in the Town of Norfolk, adjoining to my son Alexander, which said Land I bought of Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Princess Anne Co. I give unto my loving wife Francis Moseley, my Chariot and Harness and the two Chariot Horses. I give unto my son Edward Hack Moseley, all my Books, also my largest Gun & the small Gun given me by Lord Craven."

An Inventory of the slaves and Personal Estate of Colo. Edward Hack Moseley. No date.

Negroes, 52. Furniture in the Hall: 12 Family Pictures, 9 Pictures in Frames.

In the Dining Room: 2 Family Pictures, 8 small ditto in Frames, 8 small Pictures.

Pewter: 1 Dozen and nine Plates, 6 dishes of different sizes.

Plate: 1 Large Silver Tankard, 1 small ditto, 1 Rim & Casters, 1 pint Can, 1 Large Sloop spoon, 12 ditto Table spoons, 7 ditto Tea spoons, 4 salts and 4 shovels, 1 small peper Box, Sugar Tongs, 1 Punch Ladle edged with silver."

Copy of inscription on Mrs. Edward Hack Moseley's tomb at "Greenwich," Princess Anne county, Virginia:

"Here Lieth the remains of Mrs. Mary Moseley, daughter of the Hon.



Will'm Bassett, of 'Eltham.' Spouse of Col. Edward Hack Moseley, who after a life spent in all the virtues which grace the female world and ——— (illegible) state, died in the 38th year of her age, Aug. 23rd, A. D., 1755."

MARY MOSELEY WALKER,

Daughter of Col. Edward Hack Moseley, 1st, and Mary Bassett, and 2d wife of Anthony Walke 2d.

(See Walke Family in October, 1897, Magazine).

William Moseley 1st=Susanna ———.

William Moseley 2d=Mary Gookin.

Col. Edward Moseley=Mrs. Bartho. Taylor.

Hillary Moseley=Hannah ———.

Col. Ed. Hack Moseley=Mary Bassett.

Mary Moseley=Anthony Walke 2d.

William Walke=Mary Calvert.

#### THE MARKHAM FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

Contributed by MRS. FLOURNOY RIVERS, Pulaski, Tenn.

(CONTINUED.)

Colonel Bernard Markham died at his residence in Chesterfield county, Virginia, three miles from Richmond, July 13, 1802. Mrs. Mary Markham, the widow of Colonel Bernard Markham, died at William Cooke's in Henry county, Kentucky April 3, 1825.

George<sup>1</sup> (son of John and Catharine Markham, and brother to Colonel Bernard) Markham, married, 1st. Sarah Hill, April 11, 1774. Issue: 1. George; 2. Francis; 3. Vincent; 4. Martha, m. Robertson.

He married, 2d, Mary Osborne, July 11, 1789. Issue: 1. John Finney; 2. George Crawley; 3. Mary Osborne; 4. Ann Frances; 5. Martha.

Vincent<sup>2</sup> (John and Catharine Markham) married Elizabeth Harris, had one child only, Elizabeth, who married Lewis and had: 1. Joseph Lewis; 2. Vincent Lewis; 3. Ann Lewis; 4. Sarah Lewis; 5. Mary Lewis.

Vincent Markham was in the first Commission of the Peace for Powhatan county.

John<sup>3</sup> Markham (John and Catharine Markham), was also a soldier of the Revolution. Captain of 1st Virginia, 16th September, 1775; Major 2nd Virginia, 13th August, 1776; Lieutenant-Colonel 8th Virginia, March 22, 1777. I have no records of his descendants. Settled in Spotsylvania county, Virginia. He left a large family.

Judith<sup>4</sup> Markham (John<sup>1</sup>), married June 23, 1779, Archer Traylor.

Catharine<sup>5</sup> Markham (John<sup>1</sup>), married, Smith.

Rebecca<sup>6</sup> Markham, married Colonel Nelson Patteson, of Giles co., Tenn., and is buried in the Patteson grave yard east of Pulaski, Tenn.